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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed September 27, 2002,
Applicants provisionally elect Group I (Claims 1-13 and 18-20), with traverse. The grounds
for traversal are set forth below in the Remarks.